



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 50**

February Session, 2008

Substitute House Bill No. 5485

*House of Representatives, March 19, 2008*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT INCREASING STATE ACTIVE DUTY PAY FOR THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-61 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) For military service when ordered out by the Governor, except  
4 when federal pay has been authorized, each commissioned officer,  
5 warrant officer and enlisted person assigned to a federally recognized  
6 National Guard unit in Connecticut shall be paid at the same rate,  
7 including longevity pay and allowances, as would be authorized if  
8 ordered out by federal authority but such rate shall be (1) increased by  
9 the amount of ten dollars for enlisted persons and five dollars for  
10 warrant officers and first and second lieutenants, and (2) not less than  
11 one hundred twenty-five dollars per day.

12 (b) For military service when ordered out by the Governor, each

13 commissioned officer, warrant officer and enlisted person in a unit of  
 14 the organized militia which is not federally recognized shall be paid on  
 15 the same scale as the federal pay for corresponding grades in the tables  
 16 of organization of the federally recognized National Guard, increased  
 17 by the amount of ten dollars for enlisted persons and five dollars for  
 18 warrant officers and first and second lieutenants. Unless otherwise  
 19 provided by law, the determination of the corresponding grades in the  
 20 organized militia, other than the federally recognized National Guard,  
 21 shall be made by the Adjutant General.

22 (c) Officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel of the  
 23 Connecticut National Guard who attend schools, conferences or staff  
 24 or ceremonial exercises by order of the Governor shall be paid their  
 25 travel and actual expenses. Commissioned officers serving on boards  
 26 or military commissions or attending conferences called by higher  
 27 headquarters in or out of the state shall receive pay and allowance of  
 28 their grade plus actual expenses. Each commissioned and warrant  
 29 officer, chief petty officer and enlisted person of the naval militia when  
 30 ordered out by the Governor, except when federal pay has been  
 31 authorized, shall receive for each day's service the same pay and  
 32 allowances as are prescribed by the federal government for the  
 33 corresponding grades of members of the United States Navy but such  
 34 pay shall be increased by the amount of ten dollars for enlisted persons  
 35 and five dollars for chief petty officers, warrant officers, lieutenants  
 36 junior grade and ensigns.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2008	27-61
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**VA**            *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

**PS**

**PS**            *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Military Dept.	GF - Cost	Potential Significant	Potential Significant

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

This bill would require a minimum \$125 per day pay rate for National Guard members ordered into military service by the Governor; there currently is no minimum rate for such service. There are 3,162 Army and Air National Guard members to whom an average pay increase of \$33 per day would apply under this proposal. This would result in a \$104,346 per day average cost increase to the Military Department if all these members were called into service by the Governor. Historically, the National Guard has been called upon for service by the Governor at least once per year.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill sets a \$125-per-day minimum pay for National Guard members ordered to military service by the governor (state military service). By law, except when federal pay is authorized, the pay is the federal military service rate, plus an additional \$10 for enlisted persons and \$5 for warrant officers and first and second lieutenants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 10 Nay 0 (02/28/2008)

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/06/2008)